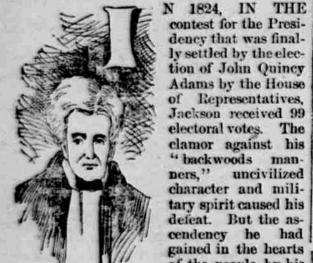


CHAPTER IV.

WHITE HOUSE DURING PRESIDENT JACKSON'S ADMINISTRATION.

Jackson's Inauguration - John Quincy Adams's polished Manners-Refinement in the White House Coteries - A Military Hero-Mrs. Donaldson, Hostess-Jackson's Cabinet-"To the Victor belong the spoils." Obstinacy-An Ignominious Death-A



contest for the Presidency that was finally settled by the election of John Quincy Adams by the House of Representatives, Jackson received 99 clamor against his "backwoods manpers," uncivilized

manners, classical education, and long ex- and her husband at the mercy of her torment-

But with characteristic determination Jackson carried out his policy of removal, wher-ever he desired to serve a friend or punish an

Many and bitter were the political controversies and battles of his Administration; not unfrequently with the political giants of that the White House-Much Apprehension by day, of whom there was a large percentage in the Senate, led by Calhoun, Clay, Webster, Benton and others, until finally the social question became so entangled in the political The Mrs. Eaton Imbroglio - Jackson's | controversy that the Cabinet was disrupted.

Mr. Van Buren more firmly intrenched Page for "Mrs. Grundy"-A Spirited himself in the regard of Mr. Jackson by es-An-wer to a Foreign Minister—Jackson pousing his side of the controversy, and the tired of Social Ceremonies—A select Ball. | breach between Mr. Calhoun and the President became wider through Calhoun's oppo-

Jackson was as tenacious of his friendships as he was of his principles and his religion.

THE MRS. EATON IMBROGLIO. The wife of his Secretary of War, Mrs. Eaton, having been rather unfortunate in her antecedents and early associations, there was electoral votes. The the greatest opposition to her presence and position. She was slighted on every hand by leading ladies and gentlemen of the Adminis-tration and of the Diplomatic Corps. Friends character and mili- importuned President Jackson to remove Mr. tary spirit caused his | Eaton, and thereby eliminate Mrs. Eaton defeat. But the as- from the Executive circle, but he would liscendency he had ten to none of them, and, it is claimed, gained in the hearts, threatened to depose Mrs. Donaldson as hostof the people by his ess of the Executive Mansion should she join military a chieve- the clamoring persecutors of this really unforments, made him invincible in the Presidential tunate woman. He knew that she was upto courteous treatment, and he would not John Quincy Adams, with his polished desert her or add to her trials by placing her



1. EMILY DONELSON. 2. RACHEL DONELSON. 3. ANDREW JACKSON DONELSON. perience in European schools when a boy, and | ors by removing Mr. Eaton from the War at foreign courts during his father's and his own diplomatic service, was better fitted for Mr. Eaton was a lifelong friend of Jackson, this high position than any President who had preceded him. His Administration had his friend. Mrs. Eaton was a person of fasci-

been characterized by great refinement in the White House, Mrs. Adams presiding over the social part with grace and elegance. Hence it is not surprising that Jackson's ascendency was looked upon with many forebodings by the cotorie that surrounded the White House and the denizens of the National Capital.

In his courage and executive ability in the administration of National affairs they had all confidence. They knew that in his eyes "right was might"; that the laws would be executed; that the rights of every American citizen would be respected over the world, and that evil-doers and revolutionists would be punished. But whether he would give that consideration which is due in the observance of the smaller proprieties of society, obligatory upon the Chief Executive of the Nation, was a question that gave them much

A Pictorial History of the United his turbulent spirit was gone—a spirit that never knew restraint except from the loving hand of her whom he mourned.

No one knew better or felt more keenly these forebodings than Jackson himself. Circumstances had given him a reputation unjust to his tender heart and refined nature. But he was of and from the people, and backed by this impregnable support he entered upon his

Like Washington, he was a military hero, tion knew no bounds. Innumerable visitors flocked to the Capital. Every imaginary means of transportation was taxed to its utmost. After the Inauguration he was escorted to the White House, followed by the populace, who, defying all control, rushed into the house, filling every inch of space.

The elegant banquet spread in the East

oom in his honor was soon a

A SCENE OF THE WILDEST CONFUSION. In the carnival that ensued china and glass were broken, wine was spilled, and order was turned into chaos. In their mad endeavor to periods; the political complexion of every was soiled, broken, and utterly ruined.

Jackson knew that he must establish something more in keeping with the dignity of his position; hence he at once installed the accom- coveries, explorations, inventions, and implished Mrs. Donaldson, a niece of Mrs. Jack-son, as hostess of the White House. He ap-of foreign countries as compared with the pointed Mr. Van Buren Secretary of State; United States. Samuel D. Ingham, of Pennsylvania, Secretary of the Treasury; John H. Eaton, Secretary of War; John Branch, of North Carolina, Secretary of the Navy; and William F. Barry, of Kentucky, Postmaster-General. With the exception of Mr. Van Buren, the Cabinet was

in no sense a strong one. Socially, Mrs. Donaldson was not reinforced more strongly by the ladies of the Cabinet than the President by the Cabinet Councilors. Calhoun, as Vice-President, was very near ables a man to roll up and carry in one hand him, but only to criticize and irritate, and in as much historical information about the

In establishing the maxim, "to the victor | with its million books. belong the spoils," Jackson had fauch oppesition from the friends nearest and dearest to him. Maj. Lewis was of that number, and in

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under the immediate patronage of the President, who has set himself to the grand object of separating the true and acknowledged fashion and rank of the community, from contact with those who are not exactly of the

great favorite with the President. While the country, and admitted respectable per-

character, she could not be forgiven her antecedents. Her career was an eventful one.
The misfortunes that followed her from the day of the death of her illustrious benefactor are almost incredible, and, were they written without embellishment, would be called a romance. She died in this city a few years ago, alone, in great poverty and desolation, after seeing all her glery and friends depart.

For years, persons who attended the Metropolitan Church here, and each Sunday a little old lady with no trace of beauty left in her pinched and wrinkled face, clad in shabby-

genteel garments, slip quietly into a seat on the side aisle, near the alter, listen attentively to the sermon, and as quietly withdraw at its close. Few knew that this was Mrs. Eaton, who was once the most conspicuous woman in President Jackson's official circle.

Mrs. Donaldson was a woman of remarkable beauty; dark auburn hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, lips and brow exquisitely molded, and a slender, symmetrical figure. Her picture strongly resembles that of Mary, Queen of Scots. Her wardrobe was very ele-gant. The dress she wore at the Inaugural ball those of two thousand are excluded. is still preserved, and even in this day of extravagance would be greatly admired. It is an to be held, and to that the Irish laborers, etc., amber-colored satin, brocaded with bouquets are to be admitted in their shirt sleeves, as and, of course, the rooms were crowded to of rosebuds and violets, and richly trimmed white lace and pearls. Though Mrs. Grundy was given little space in the newspapers of that day, this dress was graphically described. It was presented to Mrs. Donaldson by the President-elect, who loved his niece as hi own child, always calling her "my daughter," as a term of endearment. Her vivacity and quick repartee delighted him. On one occasion a foreign Minister, desiring to compliment her, said: "Madam you dance

realize you were educated in Tennessee." "Count, you forget that grace is a cosmopolite, and, like a flower, is found oftener in the woods than in the streets of a city," was the ASTIC? spirited reply. At dinners, dancing parties, receptions and on all occasions—and there were many in those days of genuine hospitality—Mrs. Donaldson presided gracefully, greeting all with much cordiality of manner. plaints were heard of boorishness, or inhospitable administration; hence when the fates decreed a second term of the Jackson regime,

with the grace of a Parisian. I can hardly

NO REGRETS OR UNKIND PROPHECIES of shortcomings in the courtesies of th

White House. Jackson, however, was determined to relieve himself of much of the irksome detail Infantry, and saw my first day's service in the of entertainments. The long drawn out dinbattle of Shiloh. The campaign before Corinth and later the Siege of Vicksburg were importand later the Siege of Vicksburg were important events in the service as seen by our company, and as you can readily imagine we were greatly exposed and at times but poorly cared for during those awful days. In my case, army diarrhora was the result. It has been the burden of my life for over thirty years, but at | where he explained that he wished to be re-

them."

The reporter afterwards called upon Wm.
Skillicore, the popular druggist, and from him gained the information that Dr. Williams' pills have reached a most surprising sale. crowd of a public levee. The guests assembled at nine. The ball was in the East Room. The supper was served in the West Room at 11 o'clock, and the company dispersed by half-past twelve; but those who were not included in the list of guests were much dissatisfied, and the following, from a contemporary paper, shows how impossible it was to adjust social affairs then, when the city was comparatively in its infancy and the yds. each, \$5 per pattern.

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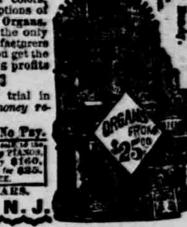
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The President handed Mrs. Forsyth to the supper-room, but the mob rushed past him and excluded him from the table. "Well," said he, very properly offended, "this is the first time that I was ever shut out

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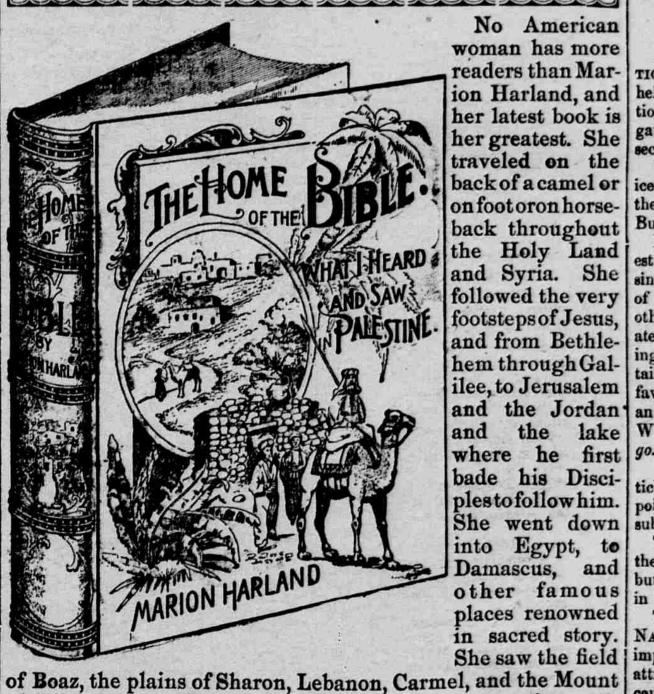
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